

# Live Well, San Diego!

## Fostering Safe Communities

### Why a Plan for Safety?

“Safety” refers to fostering communities where all individuals and families are connected, protected and prepared. Although more commonly associated with health, the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) plays a significant role in fostering safe communities. For example, HHSA supports safety by:

- Protecting children from abuse and neglect, and helping vulnerable seniors in our communities.
- Providing basic needs assistance to families.
- Acting as the guardian for individuals who are not able to manage their finances or medical care.
- Protecting the community from emerging diseases, and supporting disaster response.

Similar to the County’s health initiative, *Building Better Health*, HHSA is now developing a comprehensive plan for safety, ***Fostering Safe Communities***. The goal for the plan is to identify opportunities for HHSA to integrate services, optimize resources and increase collaboration with partners in support of safety.



### Key Components of *Fostering Safe Communities*

- Who We Serve – Individuals, Families, Communities
- Focus Areas – Prevention, Protection, Preparedness and Response
- Timeline – 10-year plan
- Where – Throughout San Diego County
- How We Will Achieve Our Goals – By Building a Better System, Supporting Positive Choices, Pursuing Policy and Environmental Changes, and Improving the Culture Within

### Supporting the County’s Vision

*Fostering Safe Communities* is HHSA’s second initiative in support of ***Live Well San Diego!***, the overarching strategy to achieve the County’s vision of healthy, safe and thriving communities. *Building Better Health* was adopted by the Board of Supervisors in July 2010. A third initiative in support of thriving communities will be developed in the future following *Fostering Safe Communities*.

Next steps for developing <i>Fostering Safe Communities</i>
Work with key partners to identify shared goals and priorities
Develop plan framework and objectives
Design implementation plan